

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-23 and 27-37 are pending (claims 24 and 26 being cancelled, and claims 36 and 37 being added by this amendment). Applicants have carefully reviewed the arguments presented in the Office Action and respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

In the aforesaid Office Action, claims 24 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (5,849,846) in view of Sun et al. (5,728,748). Applicants have cancelled claims 24 and 26 to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-23, and 27-35 are allowed.

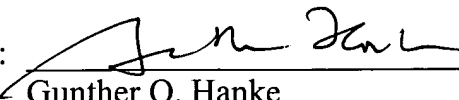
Applicants have added new claim 36 which depends from allowed claim 27, support for which can be found in allowed claim 12 and paragraph [0007] of the specification, and new claim 37 which depends from allowed claim 27, support for which can be found in paragraphs [0011] and [0012] of the specification.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully urged that all of the present claims of the application are patentable and in a condition for allowance. The undersigned attorney can be reached at (310) 824-5555 to facilitate prosecution of this application, if necessary.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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